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SUBJECT: USITC INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MONUMENTAL WOOD
WINDOWS FROM SWEDEN

1. IN FEBRUARY, 1978, THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMIS-
SION (USITC), IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT FILED BY WRAND
INDUSTRIES, INC., OF CHESTER, PA., INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGA-
TION UNDER SECTION 337 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930 OF ALLEGED
UNFAIR PRACTICES IN THE IMPORTATION OF MONUMENTAL WOOD
WINDOWS FROM SWEDEN. THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THAT TWO
SWEDISH FIRMS, A.B. ELECTROLUX AND A.B. OVERUMS BRUK, HAVE
CONSPIRED TO MONOPOLIZE OR ATTEMPT TO MONOPOLIZE TRADE AND
COMMERCE IN MONUMENTAL WOOD WINDOWS IN THE UNITED STATES
AND HAVE ENGAGED IN PREDATORY PRICING. THE FORMAL COMPLAINT
WAS FILED EVEN THOUGH THE USITC HAD FOUND IN SEPTEMBER
1977, AFTER A FULL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN
INFORMAL COMPLAINT, THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT THERE HAD BEEN A VIOLATION OF SECTION 337.

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2. PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT AMONG ALL PARTIES, DEPOSITION
OF ELECTROLUX AND OVERUMS BRUK OFFICERS WILL BE TAKEN IN
STOCKHOLM FROM AUGUST 7 THROUGH AUGUST 18. IN ADDITION,
ABOUT 2 DAYS WILL BE SPENT EXAMINING COMPANY RECORDS AT
OVERUMS. THE DEPOSITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO RUN ON A
DAILY BASIS, EXCEPT FOR TIME SPENT AT OVERUMS. USITC
WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE DEPOSITIONS AND RECORDS

EXAMINATION BY DONALD DINAN, USITC INVESTIGATIVE
ATTORNEY; AND WILLIAM GRIEVE, USITC PARALEGAL SPECIALIST.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED:

A) TO PROVIDE SPACE AT EMBASSY FOR DEPOSITIONS TO BE
TAKEN, OR TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER SUITABLE
LOCATION;

B) MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MR. DINAN FOR NIGHTS OF
AUGUST 4 THROUGH AUGUST 17, AND WILLIAM GRIEVE, USITC
PARALEGAL SPECIALIST AND

C) ARRANGE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF THREE TRANSLATORS
AND ONE INTERPRETER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SERVICES
OF THE INTERPRETER WILL BE NEEDED IN STOCKHOLM FOR ABOUT
2 DAYS AND THE TRANSLATORS FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS IN STOCKHOLM
AND 2 DAYS FOR THE DOCUMENTS EXAMINATION IN OVERUMS.
THE EXACT DAYS THEY WILL BE NEEDED WILL BE DETERMINED
BY MR. DINAN WHEN HE ARRIVES IN STOCKHOLM ON FRIDAY,
AUGUST 4. THEIR SERVICES WILL BE CONTRACTED AND PAID
FOR BY THE COMPLAINANT'S COUNSEL. THE CONTRACT WILL
BE MADE ON AUGUST 4.

D) NOTIFY APPROPRIATE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF
INVESTIGATION AND DEPOSITIONS, IF SUCH NOTIFICATION IS
REQUIRED BY SWEDEN. VANCE
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